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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Repent

When Peter said, "Repent and be baptized..." (Acts 2:38) what did he expect from these convicted Jewish sinners? Perhaps the same thing Jesus expected when he told his religious countrymen to "Repent or perish." That is, they needed to change the way they think; about Jesus, about themselves and others, and about the kingdom of God. **He was telling them a transformation in thinking would lead to a transformation in living.** Not *repenting* would escort them down a path of destruction.

Repentance is more a process than a single event. It's not something we do just once before we are baptized. Seldom do all our immoral decisions, selfish habits, prideful motives and sinful actions suddenly cease once and for all. As followers of Jesus we are in a constant state of growth and change. As disciples we find ourselves constantly being convicted to turn away from tempting situations, cozy ruts, and renouncing false biases. **To "repent" is to keep beating the dead horse (me) to make sure it stays good and dead!** Paul's contrite mantra was, "I die daily." (I Cor. 15:31)

Repentance is not only a turning **from** but a turning **towards**. During my flight instructor days as I trained fledgling pilots to stay out of trouble, out of clouds, and introduced them to vertigo (spatial disorientation), I would let them fly into a cloud and then sit back to see what they would do. Despite this being cruelly amusing to me it was unsettling and scary to the student pilot, as change often is. What I wanted them to do, what they needed to do, was not to merely turn the airplane but to deliberately, purposefully, and continually turn it until they were out of the cloud and in the clear. And, the quickest way to get out of the "soup" was to immediately go 180 degrees in the opposite direction. To repent is to stop thinking the way you are thinking and doing what you are doing. Repentance is not only for those coming out of the world but it is especially for those already in faith who are held captive by old habits and mindsets. Each day Jesus calls his followers to penitence, a course reversal from those thoughts and actions that are destructive, divisive, get us into trouble, cause us pain and emotional anguish, lead us away from God, and otherwise make a mess of our life.

Repentance is the result of sorrow influenced by God's love (2 Cor. 7:10) and a matter of the heart, a gratitude motivated discipline to do all things to reflect God's goodness and glory. Penitence means more than just turning from bad to good, it means turning from better to best, from acceptable to exceptional, from casual involvement in church to deeply invested in faith, from a comfortable rut of biblical knowledge and religious tradition to an expanded faith challenging view of the truth that sets us free, from merely receiving grace to extending grace, from stopping after the obligatory first mile to going the selfless second mile, from being served to serving, from loving the loveable to loving the unlovable, from trying to win the argument to being a peacemaker, from defending our pride and position to carrying the cross of humility and humiliation, from existing to being truly alive in Christ!

Think of repentance as the daily, rhythmic inhaling of the Spirit (*ruach*, Hebrew for "breathe"). As we inhale the transforming effects of the Spirit of Christ and exhale the toxins of self, repentance is occurring, and we are changed.

Memory Verse For June—1 John 3:1

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us."

Our Gathering Today

Sermon: Today we will allow God's word to challenge all of us but especially edify fathers, future fathers and even those Grandpas out there. May we be blessed and encouraged by our time together this morning! Our guest speaker last week and Father's day today has given us an interlude in our **Memorial and Markers** sermon series. Next Sunday, Lord willing (and as long as the bridge is passable even if the creek does rise) we will continue with **God's Marker of Baptism**.

Guests: Thank you for being here! We really mean that! It can be an awkward and scary thing to come to a church where you see no one you know or only a few familiar faces, unsure where you should sit, if there is some kind of protocol, or who might be looking at you, or any number of uncomfortable vibes bouncing around. Please relax and feel like **you are coming into a living room**, a warm gathering, an inviting place where there are no expectations except to be loved, served and accepted in the name of Jesus. I know our church family will greet you and make you feel welcome. We hope you find our simple assembly to be a blessing and encouragement to help you closely follow Jesus this week. **If you embrace Jesus as Lord then we embrace you as our fellow Kingdom travelers and invite you to share in communion with us as it is passed to you today.** Please enjoy the gift bread and fill out the card and place it in the offering tray. **Maybe, just maybe, you will come back to our living room next week and feel even more comfortable!**

Wednesday Video series: We began a study of the heart (idols we have but may not know about or acknowledge) this past Wednesday night in the auditorium class. Its not too late to join us this week and be a part at 7pm. The series is video and discussion based on Kyle Idleman's series entitled "gods at war". We watch a 15-20 minute video each week and then open God's word and discuss the challenges of fixing our hearts on God alone. If you are a guest and don't like a huge church house full of people then this smaller class size may be more comfortable for you.

"Love One Another!"

Honduras Mission

The Honduran mission effort is coming up in July. **We are collecting tooth paste, tooth brushes and Tylenol** to take with us. There will be a collection box in the lobby until Sunday June 29th. If you have questions, see Mike Hughes.

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, June 26, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall, there will be a planning meeting for volunteers helping with VBS. We are still in need of a number of helpers, especially tour guides for the kids' groups. Please join us if you can and ask Lesa Brassette about it if you can't be there. (Forms are on the table in the fellowship for those able to volunteer.)

Bibles for VBS

If you would like to donate money for the purchase of bibles for VBS kids, today is the last day. Please give donations to Lesa Brassette. \$18 gets a good quality bible that will be life changing for a kiddo.

Other VBS Necessities

VBS Station leaders needed for Crafts, Games & Songs. We also need 5 piñatas. Please see Lesa Brassette if you can provide one.

Also, do you have a sombrero or poncho you could loan us for VBS? These items should be clearly labeled with your name and given to Lesa Brassette or left in room 103.

Empty Nester Information

The Empty Nester Group will be meeting on Saturday June 28 at 9:30 AM for breakfast at Village Inn on North Ave. After we will be going to Allen's Auto Museum. RSVP to Sherry Crowe 970.256.1127.

The Nesters will also be meeting for lunch at Olive Garden on Thursday June 19 at 11:30 AM. RSVP to Sherry Crowe.

Creative Christian Art Guild Meeting

The Art Guild will meet for the regular meeting today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a project to work on.

Ice Cream Social

There will be an Ice Cream Social in the Pit on Sunday, June 22 at 6 PM. A short devotional will follow. Please bring ice cream and/or a dessert that goes well with ice cream (what doesn't?)

Baby Shower

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Laci Wilkins on Saturday June 28, 2014 at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. Please bring a brunch item to share and a book instead of a card. Please leave a note inside the cover. Your book will be cherished whether well-loved or brand new, and each time he reads it he'll be reminded of you! Laci is registered at Target, Babies-R-Us and Colorado Baby.

Ask our Father to protect the lives of the men and women of our armed forces. When they must go into battle, to shield them about with a hedge of protection and to show them His salvation.

Pray for Margie Lewis, Melva's mother, to recover from a broken hip, the result of a fall. Pray for safety for Melva as she arranges to best care for her..

Pray for safety for those who are traveling now and in the next few weeks...Lynn and Lila. Briggs, Shiloh Briggs family, and others that will soon be traveling.

Pray for those who are expecting babies and for safe delivery and healthy moms and babies.

Pray for those still battling cancer, LuAnn Moore, Kellie Whiting, and Janice Ferris. Pray for the treatments to work and for healing, comfort and peace for them and their families.

Pray for the safety and protection of all missionary families and for their work in the Lord's kingdom.

Pray for the youth camp which began today. Pray for the campers and staff that their learning experience will glorify God and also for the success of VBS in July.

Pray for our elders and leaders in our church family here, for God to give them wisdom and guidance as they go about securing a Youth Minister.

Pray that God will remember and bless all the sick and injured that we may not know about or who we may have forgotten.

On this day set aside to honor Dad's, ask our Father in Heaven to bless them and guide them as they raise and care for their families.

Remember to give God the praise, honor and thanksgiving for His loving care and for His answers to our prayers.



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For the Record

June 8, 2014

Attendance	251
Average Attendance, 1st qtr..	234
Contributions	\$5,775.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—June

Tom & Kathy Deister

Communion Table 6/15/14

Wes Yeager

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in June

Rick Wilkins
Ron Wilson
Jeff Yeager
Wes Yeager
Hunt Zumwalt
Robert Allen
Karl Antwine
Jeremy Antwine

Announcements: Curtis Fleming—June
Ron Wilson—July
Scott Ferguson—August

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Tom Deister—Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207
Bob & Bobby Heath, O.T. Survey—202

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery
2 & 3 yr. old—104
Pre KK, Kindergarten—205
1st & 2nd Grade—209
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
Middle School—213
High School—203

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 4 yr. old—104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
All teens meet in—203

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Jun 15	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Mt. 9:16-17, Mk 2:21-22, Lk 5:36
Jun 22	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 13:1-8, 18-23, Lk 8:5-8, 11-15
Jun 29	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43
Jul 6	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Mt. 13:31-32, Mk 4:3-8
Jul 13	John Cooper, Dave Scheurman	Mt 13:33, Lk 13:20-21,
Jul 20	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Mt. 13:44-46
Jul 27	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 13:47-52
Aug 3	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 18:12-14, Lk. 15:3-7
Aug 10	Jerry Austin, Scott Delancy	Lk.15:8-10
Aug 17	John Cooper, Dave Scheurman	Lk. 15:11-32
Aug 24	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Mt. 18:23-25
Aug 31	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 20:1-6
Sept 7	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mt. 21:28-32

Visitors welcome.